

Division One – September 11:

Leigh 134-8 (40; Rachael Walsh 45, Sophie Heaton 44, Annie Rashid 2-16, Emily Page 2-22, Amy Seddon 2-23) (6pts)

Appleton 135-3 (33.3; Holly McCurrie 56, Georgia Heath 23*, Kathryn Jackson 22) (25pts)

- New champions Leigh went down to defeat in their final match as runners-up Appleton continued their strong end to the year. After her amazing century the previous week, Georgia Heath had only 12 balls to face here, but certainly made the most of them by seeing her side home in a hurry.

Chester Boughton Hall 144-8 (40; Ali Cutler 74, Georgia Munro 20, Hannah Marshall 3-22) (25pts)

Didsbury 139 (39.4; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 64, Rosie Davis 20, Meg Cureton 3-20, Nandu Valliyil 3-26, Cutler 2-19) (8pts)

- Chester edged this tight contest, with Ali Cutler continuing her strong end to the season with both bat and ball.

Oakmere 140-9 (35; Emily Renshaw 33, Kerry Hartnett 33, Lucy Neill 3-21, Isabella Woodside 2-24) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 103 (29.4; Gaby McKeever 43, Sophie Connor 4-9, Kate Renshaw 2-6) (8pts)

- Oakmere edged a low scoring contest to leapfrog Didsbury and finish in third place.
- Georgians' Liv Bell stands on the verge of a first international cap for the Scottish senior team. She has already played two friendlies against the Fairbreak International XI, with 11 runs and four overs for 23 runs in the first, and 1-28 from four overs in the second. After two T20 internationals as 12th player in the Ireland series, she was deprived of a full cap when the third match of the series was washed out. Her next opportunity may arrive in the T20 World Cup qualifying tournament now being played in the United Arab Emirates.

Nantwich (25pts) w/o Stockport Trinity (minus 10pts)

September 18:

Appleton 112 (35; Annie Rashid 26, Holly McCurrie 24, Kathryn Jackson 20, Amelie Batey 3-13, Lucy Brindle 2-14) (6pts)

Stockport Georgians 114-3 (29; Gaby McKeever 41*, Emily Thomas 40*, Emily Page 3-21) (25pts)

- League runners-up Appleton had enjoyed a strong second half of the season, but that run of form ended here. Georgians' bowlers took regular wickets, before an unbroken stand of 86 from Gaby McKeever and Emily Thomas saw them home.

Division Two – September 11:

Upton 106-7 (35; Philippa Dagger 24, Cath Williams 22*) (7pts)

Leyland 107-8 (34.1; Nicola Greaves 28, Katie Poole 26*, Olivia Cunliffe 21, Lily Scudder 4-15, Hannah McGowan 2-13) (25pts)

- A tense afternoon at Upton saw the home side crucially secure seven bonus points in this final over defeat, rather than six. This means that Upton could clinch the title by a single point from Lindow were they to win the final match at Oxtown on September 18.

Hawarden Park 88 (25.3; Abbey Mayers 24, Jo Seddon 4-9, Claire Ashworth 2-11, Libby Ackerley 2-16) (4pts)

Lindow 89-4 (18.3; Heidi Cheadle 36 ret hurt, Llio Parry 2-18) (25pts)

- Lindow signed off with a comfortable win and having been runners up in Division 3 East only last year, they have now secured a top two finish in the higher division. Jo Seddon's hat-trick was the highlight here, and Heidi Cheadle took her season tally to 432 before unfortunately having to retire hurt. Along with Leigh's Jaimie-Lee Strang, Cheadle heralded a new era in the

league this year as one of the first women's overseas players to come to Cheshire specifically to play for a club team, with previous CWCL overseas players having also been in the UK to represent counties.

Oxton (25pts) w/o Woodley (minus 10pts)

September 18:

Upton 144-9 (35; Lily Scudder 65, Madi Arthur 33, Hattie Nickson 3-20, Zara White 3-25, Molly Price 2-7) (25pts)

Oxton 124 (35; Megan Cooper 46, Alexa Harrison 32, Sophie Morris 3-21, Hannah McGowan 2-12, L Scudder 2-20) (8pts)

- Upton won this derby clash to ensure they finished as divisional champions by a single point. There were a few scares along the way to this tight victory, with Upton indebted to Lily Scudder for her runs in the first innings, a knock which she followed up by taking two wickets.

Hawarden Park (25pts) w/o Woodley (minus 10pts)

Division Three East – September 13:

Hawk Green 54-3 (12; Ashley Aspin 22, Lucy Brindle 2-8) (9pts)

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 55-7 (12; Amelie Batey 10, Sophie Sanders 2-4)

- Despite being reduced to 9-4 and continuing to lose regular wickets, Georgians squeezed home off the last ball.

September 18:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 64-7 (20; Sophie Barker 16, Alicia Peacock 2-8, Rosie Bradshaw 2-11) (4pts)

Hayfield 66-1 (13; Charlotte Peacock 21*) (25pts)

- Hayfield are the champions of Division 3 East after this comfortable win, which meant they only lost one league match all season, a record which included the league double over nearest rivals Greenfield.

Greenfield 180-2 (30; Zoe Cuthill 42ret, Beverley Addy 35ret, Megan Russell 29ret) (25pts)

Hawk Green 60-9 (30; Rebecca Edmundson 30, Cuthill 5-14, Lily Bailey 2-1) (2pts)

- Hayfield's win in the morning meant that Greenfield already knew their title dreams were over by the time this game commenced. Nevertheless, they ended in fine style in a season where they won the Development Knockout in addition to their runners-up finish in the league. Zoe Cuthill took five wickets in only three overs here, having also been the top scorer in the first innings.

Division Four – September 8:

Stockport Georgians 3rd XI / North East Cheshire v Oakmere 2nd XI – Cancelled due to rain, 8pts each

September 11:

Langley 119-7 (20; Claire Thorley 36ret, Carlyne Jones 23, Charlotte Thompson 2-8, Steph Walker 2-21) (25pts)

Lindow 2nd XI 89-7 (20; Rachel Hoyle 29) (9pts)

- Another divisional champion to lose their final match was Lindow's second team, losing out her to a Langley team who have very much enjoyed a successful season themselves.

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 123-4 (20; Lauren Oliver 25ret, Jessica Isaacs 25ret, Angela Evans 2-20) (25pts)
Lymm Oughtrington Park 45-9 (20; Evans 10, Olivia Randles 2-5, Alice Hobbs 2-5, Eliza Chadwick 2-5) (3pts)

- A comfortable win for Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – their seventh success of the year.

September 18:

Lymm Oughtrington Park 72-9 (20; Sally Casson 31, Jenny Wallace 5-10, Ella Hirst 3-12) (7pts)
Langley 74-5 (11; Carlyne Jones 20, Carolyn Smith 3-27, Hannah Tovell 2-33) (25pts)

- Langley finished runners up in this division as Jenny Wallace ripped through Lymm's top order. Ella Hirst took three wickets and was there at the end to see this run chase to completion.

Division Five East (Pairs scoring):

North East Cheshire v Broadbottom - Cancelled
Macclesfield Treacle 311, Macclesfield Silk 209
Macclesfield Silk v North East Cheshire – Cancelled
Broadbottom 308, Stockport 248
North East Cheshire v Macclesfield Silk - Cancelled

Division Five West:

Neston v Northwich – Cancelled

This all leaves Macclesfield Treacle and Kingsley as the champions of the league's two softball divisions.

The next meeting of the League Committee will be on Wednesday September 28 at 1930 at Oakmere CC.

The League's Presentation Night then takes place on Saturday October 1 at 1930 at Halton Stadium in Widnes. Clubs that have already been presented with the trophies they won this year should bring them to the event so that they can be presented again. Clubs that won trophies last year but have not yet handed these back should either make sure they bring them to the event or should make appropriate arrangements with the League Committee for their return.

Leigh won this year's league championship after finishing bottom of division one in 2021, becoming the seventh different team to finish as leaders in the top division in the last decade. The period starting from 2012 - the last of Appleton's three titles in a row - has seen only one occasion when a club has retained the title. It all adds up to a level of competitiveness and unpredictability that is the envy of every other English women's club competition! Indeed, with Leigh having finished bottom of division one last year, and only reprieved from relegation due to an expansion of the top-flight, this could be the League's Leicester City moment!

2012 Appleton
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2019 Didsbury
2020 Stockport Trinity / Porthill Park (joint winners of unofficial Summer Series)
2021 Chester BH
2022 Leigh

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FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Leigh</u> (CH)	14	11	0	2	0	0	1	0	13	7	1.65	303
2	<u>Appleton</u>	14	9	0	4	0	1	0	0	12	13	0.83	265
3	<u>Oakmere</u>	14	7	0	6	0	0	1	0	27	23	0	233
4	<u>Didsbury</u>	14	7	0	5	0	0	1	1	15	20	0.3	226
5	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	14	7	0	6	0	0	1	0	16	15	-0.49	214
6	<u>Nantwich</u>	14	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	14	19	0.24	206
7	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	14	3	0	9	0	0	0	2	21	31	-0.86	143
8	<u>Stockport Trinity</u> (REL)	14	1	0	12	1	0	0	0	38	24	-2.09	77

	Division 2	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Upton (CH)</u>	12	8	1	3	0	0	12	11	0.91	248
2	<u>Lindow</u>	12	5	4	2	0	1	6	8	1.33	247
3	<u>Leyland</u>	12	6	2	3	0	1	11	11	0.84	230
4	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	12	5	2	5	0	0	16	13	-0.25	204
5	<u>Oxton</u>	12	2	3	5	1	1	16	14	-0.95	153
6	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey (REL)</u>	12	0	1	5	6	0	16	12	-2.24	-7
7	<u>Woodley (REL)</u>	12	0	1	3	7	1	5	7	-2.32	-25

Division 3 West		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park</u> Northern Stars (CH)	12	7	2	1	0	1	1	6	9	2.04	256
2	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> 2 nd XI	12	4	2	5	0	1	0	25	15	-0.01	198
3	<u>Nantwich</u> 2 nd XI	12	3	1	7	0	1	0	27	13	-0.35	148
4	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	12	3	0	7	1	1	0	20	18	-1.28	111
5	<u>Appleton</u> 2 nd XI	12	4	0	1	4	2	1	9	8	0.84	101

Division 3 East		P	w	l	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Hayfield</u> (CH)	8	7	1	0	1	5	2.11	181
2	<u>Greenfield</u>	8	6	2	0	10	5	1.99	165
3	<u>Didsbury</u> 2 nd XI	8	3	4	1	16	8	-0.71	107
4	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 2 nd XI	8	3	4	1	9	8	-1.21	100
5	<u>Hawk Green</u>	8	0	8	0	19	18	-3.08	37

Division 4		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Lindow</u> 2 nd XI (CH)	12	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	20	12	0.66	232
2	<u>Langley</u>	12	6	1	3	0	1	0	1	12	5	0.5	215
3	<u>Buxton</u>	12	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	18	13	0.31	206
4	<u>Oakmere</u> 2 nd XI	12	4	1	4	0	1	0	2	20	11	0.02	187
5	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	12	7	0	2	3	0	0	0	8	4	1.35	157
6	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 3 rd XI / North East Cheshire	12	4	0	6	0	0	0	2	23	14	-0.47	153
7	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	12	0	0	11	0	0	0	1	40	27	-2.15	75